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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$8,163,002.50
RESERVE FUND, \$8,482,127.20
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$8,163,062.50
PROVISIONS.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " 6 "
" 12 " 6 per cent. " 6 "

LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTS.
Credits granted on approved securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 363

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$200
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration for fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or with-
drawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of
the Bank if marked *On Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business* is forwarded free
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING
CORPORATION,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000,
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$650,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 43, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office, 26, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

TRUE BANK receives Money on Deposit,
Pays and Sells Bills of Exchange,
Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for
Collection, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be
had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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On CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per

Cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1302

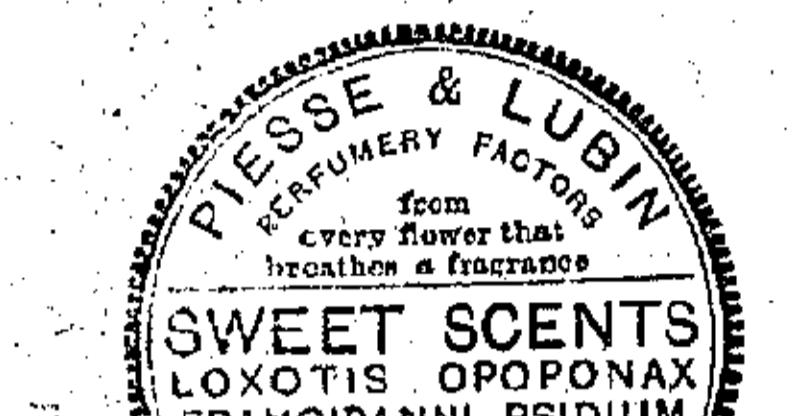
Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fourth Ordinary MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head
Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURS-
DAY, the 11th Proximo, at 4 o'clock p.m.,
for the purpose of presenting the Report of
the Directors and Statement of Accounts to
30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 11th
September, 1890, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 10, 1890. 1465



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of any Chemist
or Perfumer.

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LOXOTIS OPOONAX
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From every flavor
that breathes a fragrance

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THE ITALIAN CONVENT.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE ITALIAN CON-
VENT will meet thankfully receive from
kind-hearted Residents any cash-of-Clothes,
Food or Medicines for the benefit of the
many poor children under her charge.

Hongkong, September 0, 1890. 1583

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION,
HONGKONG.

Captain SAMUEL ASHTON—President.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

MEETINGS of this Association will be
held at the MARINE HOTEL, Praya
West, EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY,
at 8.30 p.m.

CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, August 16, 1890. 1466

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
METHORLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGEURS' CELESTED
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,
RITCHIE'S LIGHT AND OTHER COMPASSES,
ADMIRALTY & EMIRY CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED
WARE, CHRISTOFLE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the latest London
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMTOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS will be sent to the
Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1456

KUHN & CO.,

JAPANESE AND CHINESE
FINE ART DEPOT.

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, July 21, 1890. 1299

THE HONGKONG
LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000

RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

Board of Directors:

HON. J. J. KESWICK,
Chairman, Managing

HON. G. P. CHATER,
Vice-Chairman, Directors.

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J. S. MOSES, Esq.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
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MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE,
ON LAND OR BUILDINGS;

PROPERTIES
PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency
and Commission Business relating
to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 6, Queen's Road
Central.

A SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings, 3rd May, 1889. 844

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Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR:
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 11th September, 1890, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *CONNO*, Commanant Thoreau, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and GARGO, will leave the Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 1 p.m. of the 27th Instant, 1890. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 29, 1890. 1527

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS

THE British Steamship *Straits of BELLE ISLE*, 2,484 Tons Register, Capt. GRIM, will be despatched for VAN COUVER, B.C., and ISLAND SEA, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 18th September, at Noon.

The Steamer will not carry First or Second Class Passengers.

To be followed by the S.S. *ABYSSINTIA*, 28th September; and *THIRTYTHREE*, 7th October.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points, by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To Vancouver & Victoria (Mex.) \$210.00
To Montreal, New York, &c. 199.00
To Liverpool 325.00
To London 331.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 17th September.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked *to be sent in transit* and the same will be received by us at 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Fares, &c., Freight apply to

ADAMSON, GELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1562

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched to SAN FRANCISCO, and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 27th September, 1890, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco \$225.00
To San Francisco and return 403.75
To Liverpool 325.00
To London 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in *Seal Envelope*, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

G. D. HARSHMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1569

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKEING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, via THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, and Yokohama, on TUESDAY, September 16th, 1890, at 1 p.m., Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco \$225.00

To San Francisco and return 403.75

To Liverpool 325.00

To London 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%.

This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 29, 1890. 1527

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LOCAL AND CHINESE.

PARSED SUZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Telenodus*, *Hobart*, *Maru*, *Kara*, Aug. 12; *Cordyline*, *Patroclus*, 15; *Achille*, *Thibet*, 19; *Electra*, 22; *Jason*, *Polychaeta*, 26; *Hongkong*, *Glenary*, 29; *Antrea*, *Chingtu*, *Devonport*, *Caledonia*, *Glen*, *gold*, Sept. 2.

Homeward Bound:—*Port Fairy*, Aug. 16; *Hector*, 22; *Oxen*, *Tedman*, *Iphigenia*, 26; *Bentley*, *S. Rottnest*, *Onwa*, 29.

The P. & O. s.s. *Peswick*, with the English Mail of August 15, left Singapore on Monday, the 8th September, at 8.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 13th Sept.

This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 10th.

The s.s. *City of Peking*, with the American Mail of Aug. 23, leaves Yokohama on the 12th Sept., and may be expected here on or about the 18th Sept.

The Canadian Pacific s.s. *Abyssinia* left Vancouver for Japan, s.s., on the 29th Aug.

The s.s. *Queen Margaret*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Sept. 4, and may be expected here on or about Sept. 10.

The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamship *Uparka*, from London and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 6th Sept., and may be expected here on or about the 12th Sept.

The s.s. *Wingsoo*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 8th Sept., and may be expected here on or about the 14th Sept.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patroclus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 9th Sept., and is due here on the 15th Sept.

The Austro-Hung. L. S. N. Co.'s steamship *Meppenice*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on the 10th Sept., and may be expected here on or about the 16th Sept.

The P. & O. s.s. *Tekaran*, left Bombay for this port at 2 p.m. on the 16th Sept.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 12.30.

Messrs Butterfield & Swire inform us that the s.s. *Patroclus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday afternoon, and is due here on or about the 16th inst.

Messrs David Sasoon, Sons & Co. inform us that the Austro-Hung. Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Meppenice*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port to-day.

The Agent of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. informs us that the steamer *City of Peking*, with mails etc., from San Francisco to Aug. 23d, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port on Friday, the 12th inst.

THOMAS McCracken, engineer, was found dead in bed to-day at Stringer's boarding-house, Wanchoe. Deceased, who was sixty years of age, and was well-known in Hongkong, had not long returned to the colony after a trip home.

LO ARO, a blacksmith who had been for three years employed at the Naval Dockyard, Kowloon, was charged before Mr Robinson to-day with taking 35 cents' worth of brass fittings out of the works. On the charge being proved he was sentenced to one month's hard labour and two hours' exposure in the stocks.

THE secretary of the Penjou-Puhang Gold Company (Limited) writes:—Messrs Johnson, Matthey & Co. have assayed the sample of pyrites (concentrates) marked as under, and find the following to be the result:—Mark of sample: 21 lbs PSM ex *Telenodus*—produce of gold, 10 oz. 5 dwt.; produce of silver, 3 oz. 7 dwt. per ton of 2,240 lbs. of pyrites.—*London & China Express*.

V. DANENBERG, whom the Sanitary Board at last meeting resolved to prosecute, was summoned before Mr Robinson in the Police Court to-day, charged, at the instance of Inspector Rau, with keeping cattle, without having a licence from the Sanitary Board. The defendant admitted having no licence but said he claimed that it was not necessary for him to have one, as he held his premises at Wong-wei-leong on a farm lease, by which he was entitled to keep cattle. He asked for a remand, in order to get legal assistance, and the case was adjourned till the 16th inst.

PRINCES LOUISE'S (ARBOY AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS)—Major and Col. Philip Durham Trotter to be lieutenant, vice W. S. Mills, ret.; Capt. Herbert S. C. Gordon to be major, vice Col. P. D. Trotter; Lieut. Andrew Astbury to be captain, vice H. S. C. Gordon.—*Gazette*.

SIR CECIL SMITH AT HOME.—H. H. Highness the Sultan of Johore, Malay Peninsula, has arranged for a meeting with Sir Cecil Smith at the Colonial office; it is believed, in connection with the proposed railway. The English Government, it is rumoured, wishes to advance the capital on the security of the country. His Highness states for the information of his Council that he will be in Johore during the month of November for certain.

LORENTZES IN INDIA.—The *Asia* says:—If the Government of India decide to put a stop to the numerous weapons which take place annually on the Derby and St. Leger, the revenues of the Turf Club will suffer a serious diminution, as at present, from the largest, the Race Fund draws a contribution of between twenty and thirty thousand rupees per annum.

An attempt has been made to exclude Tukol's *Kreuzer* Sonata from the United States. It seems that the engraving came from the moral Deputy Postmaster of Chicago. The Chicago publisher of a translation of the story brought the book in the duty and submitted it to him for passage through the mails at regular book postage. When the duty began to read it his half rate on end, and the result was an appeal to Wau-macker, which ended in the ridiculous order for the exclusion of the book from the mails. The publishers claim to be innocent, but it is a grand advertisement for them, and they are sure to win an appeal. The singular feature of the affair is that the sale of the book was not large, until after it was drawn to it by this official order.

Three additional Australian miners go up-to-day (2nd inst.) to join the party at Raub. There appears to be some belief that Mr Bibby will come down to Singapore himself with the result of his first crushing, whatever that may amount to.—*Singapore Free Press*.

THE British barque *Nanaimo* (Captain Outer) arrived at Shanghai from Trincomalee on Friday evening, having accomplished the round trip of Shanghai to Trincomalee, with a cargo of heavy timber, and back to Shanghai, with coals, in 27 days. A fair trip for a sailing vessel.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The Italian frigate *Volturno* left Zanzibar on the 7th August for China. The entire fleet of all nations vigorously cheered her on her departure. The commander, the officers, and the men made themselves exceptionally popular during their four months' stay.

It is now definitely understood, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that our former Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Clark, R.E., G.C.M.G., late Inspector-General of Fortifications, and formerly Commandant of the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, will again contest Chatham in the Gladstonean interest. The constituency does not possess a single avowed Liberal Unionist, but the Conservatives have had the upper-hand for many years.

THE Formosa correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes:—His Excellency the Governor is not at all going to leave Formosa, as has been stated recently in some papers; H. E. is well now and has his men full with the installation of the new Company, whose managers now take charge of the Government coal mines, and many different public works that are going on. Commissioner Kupch has left for Chinakang and Dr Hirth has taken charge of the Customs in Tamsui. Mr Bapper is shifted from Tamsui to Ningpo, relieved by Mr Hinrichs.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *Singapore Free Press*:—A free-and-easy fight took place last night at the Temple Bar Hotel, Singapore. A number of the military were discussing the relative point of the Martini-Henry rifle, and three or four of the soldiers having imbibed too freely of McEwan's draught beer, settled their arguments by knocking each other down. The landlord succeeded in putting them out, and closed the house. The controversy was renewed outside, clubs being freely used by the combatants in the heat of debate. Two appeared to be much injured about the face; but being convinced against their will, probably were of the old opinion still. Native police were present, but afraid to interfere, possibly not feeling sufficiently well-grounded in the subject under review.

FIRE AT MESSRS. BLACKHEAD AND CO.

About eight o'clock last night fire was discovered at Messrs Blackhead and Co.'s godown on the Praya. The contents of the godown consisted chiefly of unctine stores, including ropes, oil, canvas, paint, &c. A dense smoke was seen issuing from the godown at the time mentioned, and when the doors were forced by the Fire Brigade (who arrived a few minutes after the discovery was made) the smouldering fire burst into flame. In spite of the efforts of the Brigade, and notwithstanding that there was an abundant supply of water available, the fire continued to hold its own for about two hours, destroying a large part of the stock in the godown and ascending to the upper floors of the building, which are occupied by Messrs Melchers and Co. Messrs Blackhead and Co.'s front store was untouched by fire. The stock in the premises is insured for \$93,000, divided as follows:—Lancashire Insurance Co. (Messrs Aruhold, Karberg & Co. agents), \$17,000; Hamburg-Magdeburg Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Sander and Co.), \$10,000; Transatlantic Fire Insurance Co. (Messrs Siessens and Co.), \$17,50; Royal Insurance Co. (Messrs Melchers and Co.), \$20,000; China Fire Insurance Co., \$10,000; Commercial Union Insurance Co. (Messrs Gibb, Livingston and Co.), \$10,000. Messrs Blackhead and Co. value their stock before the fire at \$70,000 and estimate the damage at two-thirds. The damage to Messrs Melchers premises is roughly estimated at \$15,000.

The godown was locked up for the night at 6 o'clock, and shortly after eight the watchman on duty at the premises heard some of the Chinese servants in Messrs Melchers and Co.'s premises shouting that the godown was on fire. The alarm was at once given, and in a few minutes the permanent staff of the Fire Brigade had got a dispatch car with an extra coil of hose to the spot and obtained a powerful stream of water from the street hydrant. The ringing of the alarm bell soon brought the other members of the Brigade to the scene of the fire. Three steam fire-engines were quickly at work, and Messrs Blackhead and Co.'s haunch, which had been brought alongside the Praya wall, was also utilised in pumping water. No fire could be seen at first, but from openings in the godown poured a thick, suffocating smoke. With the opening of the doors the fire flamed up, and it was then seen that it had got a very dangerous hold of the premises. There was great reason for fearing that the fire would be able to spread to the Hongkong Hotel store-room, which adjoins the godown, but the energetic efforts of the Brigade, under the direction of Superintendent Woodhouse, were successful in averting this danger. It kept the fire from reaching the hotel, and when the water had gone down a thick, suffocating smoke. With the opening of the doors the fire flamed up, and it was then seen that it had got a very dangerous hold of the premises. There was great reason for fearing that the fire would be able to spread to the Hongkong Hotel store-room, which adjoins the godown, but the energetic efforts of the Brigade, under the direction of Superintendent Woodhouse, were successful in averting this danger. It kept the fire from reaching the hotel, and when the water had gone down a thick, suffocating smoke.

As to the origin of the fire nothing is yet known. There are two side entrances to the godown. One of these faces the site on which it is proposed to build a new wing to the Hongkong Hotel. On this piece of ground is a matchless occupied by coolies, and one theory is that a spark from their cooking-place may have got into the godown, through the open lantern above the door. The inquiry at the Magistracy will probably be held to-morrow.

NAVAL AND MILITARY ITEMS.

(London *China Express*, 8th Aug.)

The Admiralty have decided to re-commission the composite gun-vessel *Rattler*, 6716 tons, 1,200-horse power for another term of service on the China station. The *Rattler* was built in 1880 at the works of Armstrong and Co. side by side with her sister ship the ill-fated *Wasp*, and both were commissioned at Sheerness in May, 1887, for service on the China station. A new crew will be despatched to Hongkong for the *Rattler* at the conclusion of the naval manoeuvres.

The cruiser *Sapphire*, 1,970 tons, the last wooden cruiser-built for the Royal Navy, has been condemned as unfit for further service, and orders have been issued for her to be placed amongst the obsolete ships of the Medway Steam Squadron at Sheerness in May, 1887, at a cost of £26,900, since which £27,160 has been expended upon her. She returned to Sheerness a year ago from the China station.

Admiral Sir William Montagu Dowell, K.C.B., late Commander-in-Chief at Devonport, has been placed on the retired list of his rank, in accordance with the Order in Council of 1870, having attained the sixty-fifth year of his age. Entering the service over half a century ago, the gallant officer took part in the China War of 1841 and subsequently worked in the trenches at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was wounded. He was present at the capture of Canton in 1857, and at the taking of Simon-Sihi, Japan, in 1864. He was on the China station from 1884 or 1885, and in December, 1888, was appointed to the post which he has now relinquished.

Admiral Sir William Dowell, K.C.B., related the following anecdote to the cadets on board the *Britannia* the other week. 'I am,' he said, 'not in the habit of speaking about myself, but I should like to tell you a short story concerning my life. I have been more fortunate than most of my neighbours. A man with ordinary abilities, nothing like a lot of interest, I started in the service having my own way to make. I soon found myself a lieutenant, and how could I go beyond that? Well, I went into the gunnery line, and in another year or two I found myself junior gunnery lieutenant of a gun ship. The captain said I must keep watch, and I told him I could not do that and the gunnery duties too. The captain replied that I must keep my watch, and that he gunner might do the gunnery duties. Now the gunnery efficiency of the ship was my business, and mine was to make as much as possible of that of his neighbours, especially if the latter happen to be men of another village. In two instances of which we have heard, this has resulted in a lawsuit compromised by a feast. The district magistrate has just been around in a boat to inspect the region flooded, not with any view to relieving the people, but to ascertain whether there should be any remission of taxes. A mail courier in foreign employ on this way from Tientsin to Linch-ting-hou, was stopped last week near Paotou by three brigands, armed with swords, a gun, and a camping polo, and affrusted that the gun was discharged at him, and his bug was cut open, and the mail scattered about. As nothing could be found, he was let off with the loss of his cash and bedding.

The heavy rains continue at more frequent intervals than ever, and before the water of one has time to subside, it is followed by another torrent. The outlook for the future is in all directions dark.

August 26.—To forestall the ruin which they imagined

might happen to them, by a more definite ruin which was to be inflicted on the market town of Semilau, into the main street of which the floods were to be let loose by the cutting of a dyke. A small force of watchmen heard them, and lay in concealment until the attacking party had gone by, and then raised the inhabitants of Semilau to defend themselves. A temple bell was rung, gongs beaten, and hordes of men rushed out, before the bank had been cut. The men

of the custom-house the officers at which do not treat us as smugglers until we are proved innocent, and we sit down to talk at our long or elsewhere with the comfortable conviction (if we think about it at all) that everything is going right. Those compatriots and their coolies, our boy and his underlings, much as we may rail at them here, how they are missed at home! There you cannot rail at anyone (save in those rare cases where railing is in the contract, to be paid for by higher wages) without suffering for it in some way. A servant in England exacts as much consideration as a maiden aunt with a fortune, and is sanctioned by our word free and easy money. In consequence every home-keeper must be like a friend and a stout dragoon, self-contained, and life, we feel, looks the charm of neighbourly interdependence with which it is invested at a sociable outport here.

London, September 10.—N.—C. *Daily News*.

doubts that month delayed the establishment of a branch register here; and that register, it is now known, cannot be opened.

On the 10th May, the shaft at Raub had been sunk 100 feet and 12 inches had been found. On the 2nd June, a report came from Mr Bibby that he had tunneled through over 70 feet of gold-bearing formations, cutting ledgers one of which was six inches thick. By the time the foundations for the engine and battery were nearly complete, and most of the heavy work was in position. On the 9th, the cap of a new well was struck.

Early in July Mr Bibby came to Singapore, and reported favourably on prospects, one hundred tons of staghorn being already on the bank, and 7 Europeans and 120 natives being at work. The stags and machinery were nearly ready then to start crushing.

On the 6th August crushing began, just one year after the party left Australia.

QUOTATIONS ON THE 1ST AND 15TH OF EACH MONTH IN 1890.

JANUARY 1, ... and 8/

February, \$13 ... and 8/

March, \$2 ... and 8/

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On 28th August the price of the shares fell to one dollar sellers, and since then it has not risen above 85 cents buyers, with lower prices for large scrips.

[The low quotations at the end of August were due to Mr Bibby's first somewhat depressing telegram. There must have been a big rebound when the final result was disclosed.]

1888.

In October 1888, a miner named Robert Sefton arrived in Queensland, bringing with him that he had come across a rich gold mine in Pahang, Malay Peninsula, at a place called Rajah Lai, in the hands of a chief called Rajah Impey, and that he had made terms with him to work it by means of a company to be started in Australia.

Sefton formed a prospecting party and returned to Raub in March 1889. The prosecutors, including Mr. T. W. Brown, said they found Sefton's report borne out by their own experience, and ascertained that the mine was under a concession held by Rajahs Impey and Ismail, who worked it by a syndicate called Alisagoff, who also had a claim upon it. The defendant, Duncan, who is 64 years of age, attempted to reduce the plaintiff. He has been married twice, has seven children, and has also had children born to him by six other women.

CRITICAL AFFAIRS IN ARMENIA.

London, August 12th.—The Turkish authorities, owing to the disturbed state of affairs in Armenia, where the population

is greatly dissatisfied with the Sultan's rule and owing to a fear of Russian influence, have fortified the high road leading from Kara to Erzurum. They have also sent out the Anatolian reserves, it is reported that a band of Russo-Armenian mounted volunteers, formed in the vicinity of Erzurum, are recruiting rapidly. This circumstance, combined with the unsettled state of things, has created a panic in the country.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 23rd.—Affairs in Armenia are assuming a serious aspect. The Moslems are armed, and excited against the Armenians, who live in great fear of an attack.

DO DOCUMENTS FOR BRITISH CONSULS.

London, August 18th.—(In Bombay).—Consul Mr. H. Johnston, H. M. Representative at Muzambique, has been appointed a Companion of the Bath; and Mr. Buchanan, Acting Consul in Nyassa Land, a Companion of St. Michael and St. George.

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